



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program

Notice of Funding Opportunity
Technical Assistance Webinar

Agenda

- I. Background and Purpose
- II. Public Health Data/Resources: CDC
- III. Eligibility
- IV. Grant Authorized Suicide Prevention Services and Program Scope
- V. Review of Application Requirements
- VI. Fiscal/Budgeting
- VII. Application Submission
- VIII. Application Review Criteria

Background and Purpose

Matthew A. Miller, Ph.D., MPH

Executive Director, VA Suicide Prevention

Acting Executive Director, PREVENTS

Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

Department of Veterans Affairs

Building Upon VA's Public Health Approach to Suicide Prevention

- VA's top clinical priority is preventing suicide among all Veterans—including those who do not, and may never, seek care within the VA health care system.
- VA's public health approach to suicide prevention, guided by [VA's National Strategy for Preventing Veteran Suicide \(2018\)](#), and in alignment with the White House's strategy on [Reducing Military and Veteran Suicide \(2021\)](#), blends community-based prevention and clinically based interventions.
- The Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program (SSG Fox SPGP) builds upon these initiatives in order to enhance connections to direct services for Veterans and their families.

Hannon Act Background

Commander John Scott Hannon

Following a decorated 23-year career with the Navy SEALs, Commander John Scott Hannon retired to his family home in Helena, Montana, where he received VA treatment for posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), depression, and bipolar disorder. Commander Hannon found solace and recovery in many local organizations that allowed him to give back to his fellow Veterans and his community, including the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI), animal rescue and rehabilitation, working with at-risk youth, and helping Veterans access the outdoors. Commander Hannon died by suicide on Feb. 25, 2018, at the age of 46.

The Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019 (Hannon Act) was signed into law on Oct. 17, 2020. The law enhances VA programs for mental health care, suicide prevention, care for women Veterans, and telehealth care for Veterans and transitioning service members.

Overview of the Seven Titles of the Hannon Act

Title VII - Other Matters

(Sections 701–705)

- Expanded VA telehealth
- Partnerships with non-federal government entities to provide hyperbaric oxygen therapy to Veterans and studies on the use of such therapy
- Technical qualifications for licensed hearing aid specialists and requirement for specialist appointment
- Use Commercial Institutional Review Boards in sponsored research trials
- Creation of Office of Research Reviews within VA Office of Information & Technology

Title VI - Improvement of Care and Services for Women Veterans

(Sections 601–602)

- Expansion of capabilities of Women Veterans Call Center to include text messaging
- Requirement for VA website to provide information on services available to women Veterans

Title V - Improvement of Mental Health Medical Workforce

(Sections 501–507)

- Staffing improvement plan for VA mental health providers
- Establishment of VA Readjustment Counseling Service Scholarship Program
- Comptroller general report on VA Readjustment Counseling Service
- Expansion of reporting requirements on VA Readjustment Counseling Service
- Briefing on alternative work schedules for VHA employees
- Staffing VHA suicide prevention coordinators
- Report on VA efforts to implement safety planning in emergency departments

Title I - Improvement to Transition of Individuals to Services from Department of Veterans Affairs

(Sections 101–104)

- Strategic plan on expansion of health care coverage for Veterans transitioning from service in the armed forces
- Review records of former members of the armed forces who die by suicide within one year of separation from the armed forces
- Report on VA REACH VET program
- Report on care for former members of the armed forces with other than honorable discharge

Title II - Suicide Prevention

(Sections 201–205)

- Financial assistance to certain entities to provide or coordinate the provision of suicide prevention services for eligible individuals and their families
- Analysis on feasibility and advisability of VA providing certain complementary and integrative health services
- Pilot program to provide Veterans access to complementary and integrative health programs
- VA study of all-cause mortality of Veterans, including by suicide, and review of staffing levels of mental health professionals
- Report on VA's management of Veterans at high risk for suicide

Title III - Programs, Studies, and Guidelines on Mental Health

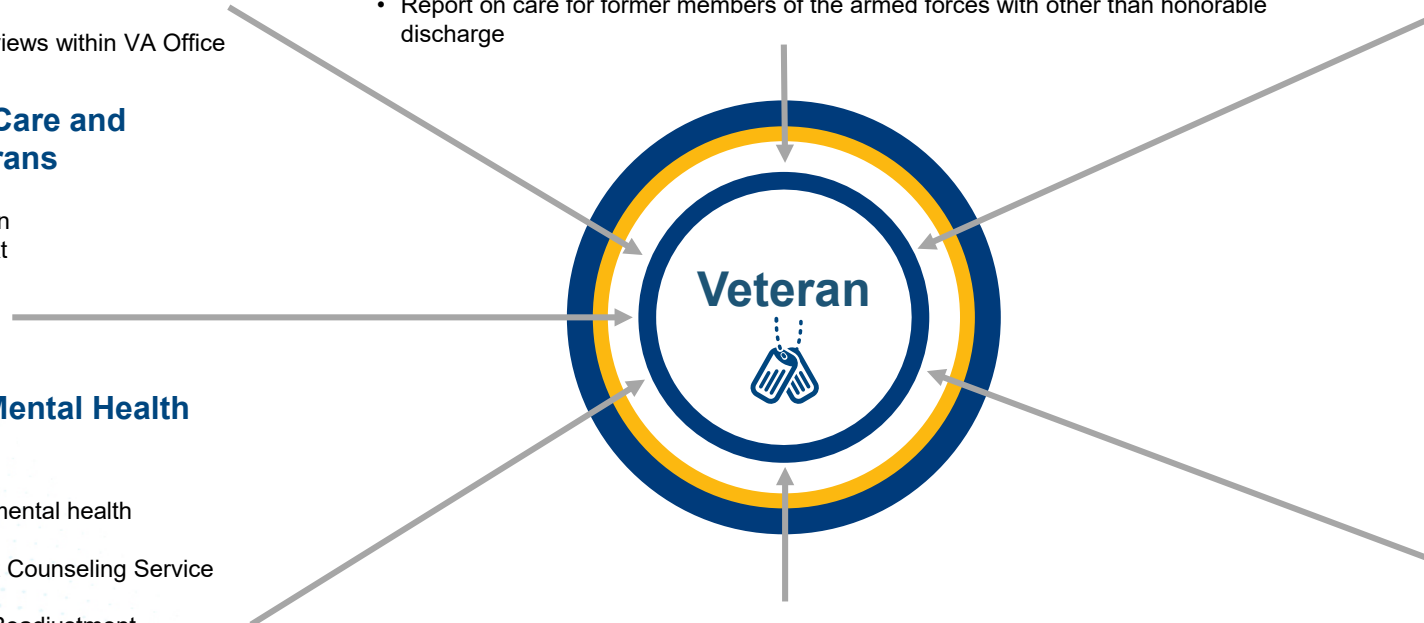
(Sections 301–306)

- Study on connection between living at high altitude and suicide risk factors among Veterans
- Establishment by VA and Department of Defense (DoD) of a clinical provider treatment toolkit and accompanying training materials for comorbidities
- Update of clinical practice guidelines for assessment and management of patients at risk for suicide
- Establishment by VA and DoD of clinical practice guidelines for the treatment of serious mental illness
- Precision medicine initiative of VA to identify and validate brain and mental health biomarkers
- Statistical analyses and data evaluation by VA

Title IV - Oversight of Mental Health Care and Related Services

(Sections 401–405)

- Study on effectiveness of VA suicide prevention and mental health outreach programs
- Oversight of mental health and suicide prevention media outreach conducted by VA
- Comptroller general management review of mental health and suicide prevention services of VA
- Comptroller general report on efforts of VA to integrate mental health care into primary care clinics
- Report on joint mental health programs by VA and DoD



Key Elements of Hannon Act

Improve access options to mental health and suicide prevention services

- Expanding community-based prevention strategies through the grant-making authority
- Improving rural Veterans' access to care by expanding telehealth technology
- Developing a strategic plan on how VA can provide health care to Veterans during the one-year period following the discharge or release from military service

Support the expanded scope and breadth of services available to Veterans

- Expanding Veterans' access to alternative therapies, such as a pilot program to provide Veterans access to complementary and integrative health programs
- Programs include animal therapy, agritherapy, sports and recreation therapy, art therapy and posttraumatic growth programs and partnerships with non-federal government entities to provide hyperbaric oxygen therapy to Veterans and studies on the use of such therapy for treatment of posttraumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury

Improve equity for sub-populations of Veterans

- Expanding capabilities of the Women Veterans Call Center to include text messaging
- Enhancing current suicide prevention efforts by establishing a grant program that expands collaborations with community organizations
- Enabling VA to award grants to entities for the expansion of telehealth technology for secure and private telehealth services



Spotlight: Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program

A \$174 million, three-year community-based grant program that will provide resources to community organizations serving certain Veterans at risk of suicide and their families across the country.

About Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox

SSG Fox SPGP honors Veteran Parker Gordon Fox, who joined the Army in 2014 and was a sniper instructor at the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Known for a life of generosity and kindness to others in need, Staff Sergeant Fox died by suicide on July 21, 2020, at the age of 25.

Suicide-Related Data: Brief Overview

Deb Stone, Sc.D., MSW, MPH

Lead Behavioral Scientist/Team Lead

Suicide Prevention Team

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

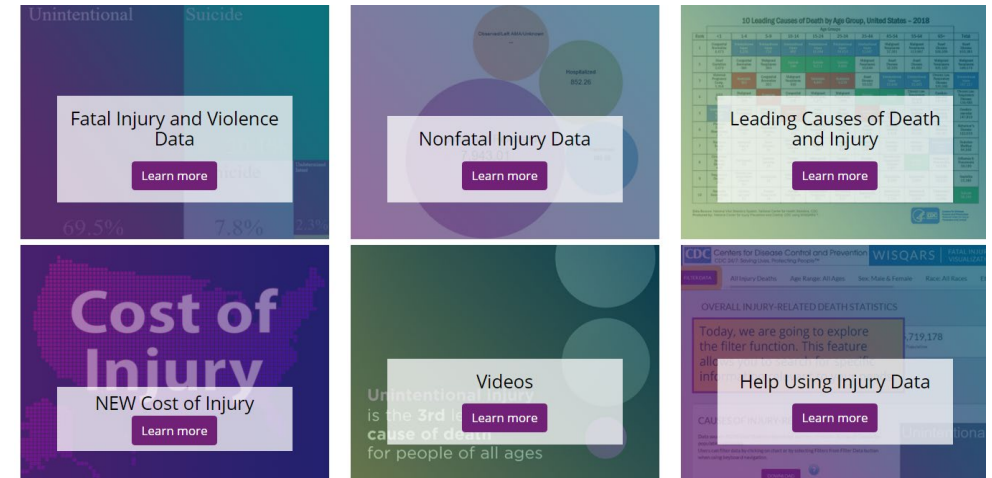
National Center for Injury Prevention and Control

Mortality Data


- National Vital Statistics System
- National Violent Death Reporting System



WISQARS™ — Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System



<https://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/index.html>

 WONDER Online Databases

<https://wonder.cdc.gov/>

National Vital Statistics System (NVSS)

Accessible in CDC WISQARS & WONDER

- NVSS suicide data come from death certificate
- WISQARS--data by year, sex, age, race/ethnicity, means of suicide, urban vs. rural, and state: <https://wisqars.cdc.gov/fatal-reports>
- Leading causes of death for states by age, sex, race/ethnicity also available: <https://wisqars.cdc.gov/fatal-leading>
- WONDER--all above fields plus more detailed data (e.g., by county, month, ICD 10 codes): <https://wonder.cdc.gov/>*
- Data typically released in December or January for prior year (2020 data released in Dec. 2021)
- Provisional data also now available**
- No indicator of Veteran status

*Select underlying cause of death from menu, then first option, 1999-2020

**Select multiple cause of death (Provisional), then first option—2018 – Last Month

National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)



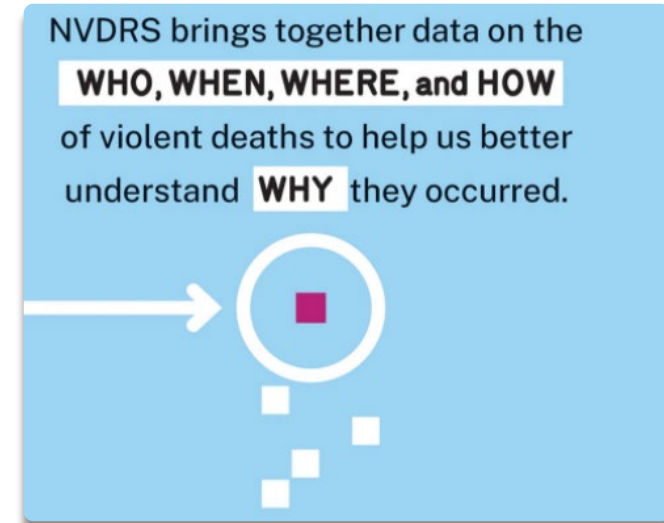
<https://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/nvdrs.html>












- State-based, anonymous data system including suicides in 50 states, D.C., and Puerto Rico*
- Pools data from death certificate, medical examiner/coroner report, law enforcement reports
- Useful for informing prevention
- Publicly available data in Wisqars;
 - Includes year, state, race/ethnicity, sex, place of death, homeless status, military status, and known circumstances
- Restricted access data available by application to nvdrs-rad@cdc.gov, includes toxicology information and more than 600 data elements

*CA, TX, FL—still rolling out statewide

National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) (cont'd)

- Variable: Ever served in U.S. military (current or former service grouped together)
- Occupational data elements further help identify current vs. former military status of decedents
- NVDRS program coordinators in each state:
<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/datasources/nvdrs/stateprofiles.html>



 Location of injury	 Mental health problems and treatment
 Characteristics of victim	 Intimate partner violence
 Relationship of victim to suspect	 Physical health problems
 Weapons used	 Relationship problems
 Toxicology reports	 Problems with job or finances
 Alcohol or substance abuse	

Morbidity Data

CDC-Run Systems

- National Electronic Injury Surveillance System-All Injury Program (NEISS-AIP)

<https://wisqars.cdc.gov/nonfatal-reports>

- Syndromic Surveillance

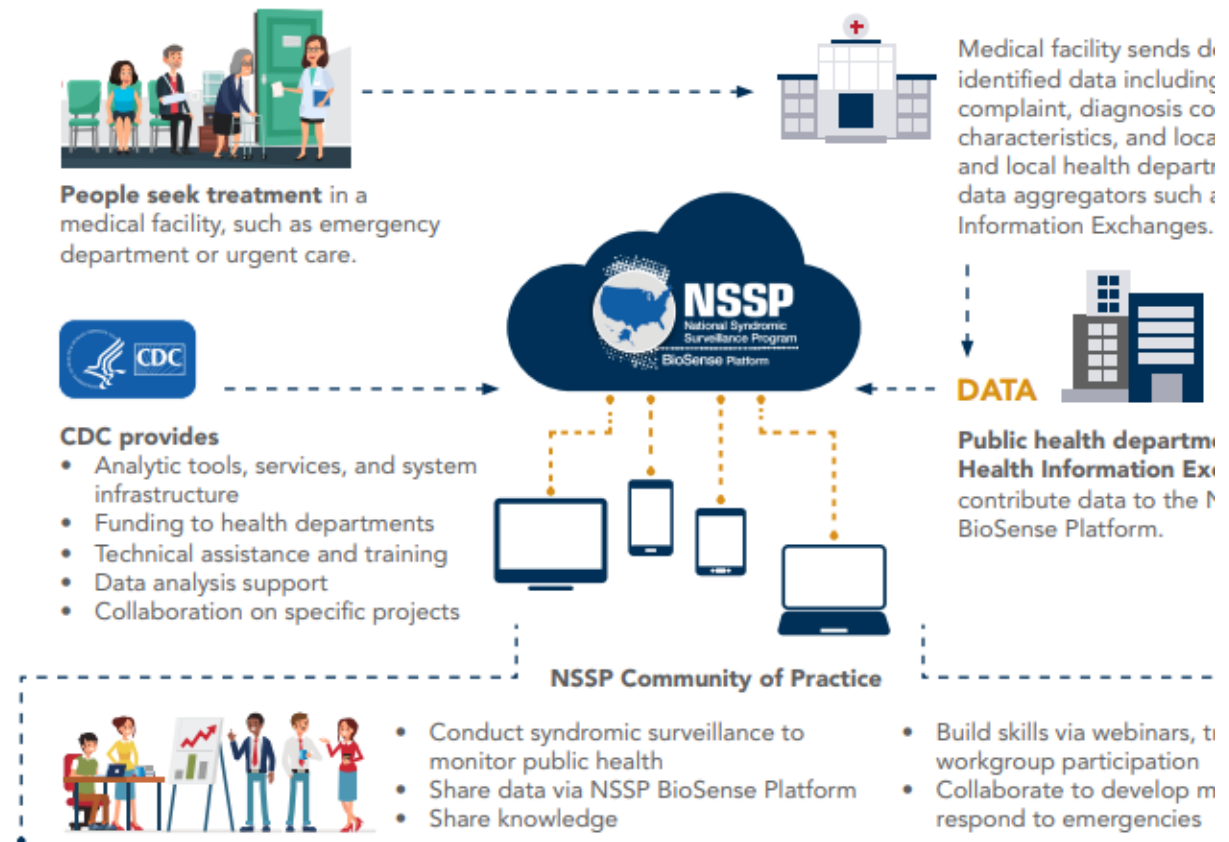
<https://www.cdc.gov/nssp/overview.html>

- NEISS-AIP collects data on nonfatal self-harm cases from a sample of Emergency Departments
- Syndromic Surveillance: Collaboration between state and local health departments, CDC, and partners to track and monitor health events in near real-time
- Data are collected from more than 6,000 health care facilities covering 49 states and D.C.
- Data are available for analysis within 24 hours of patient visit
- Syndromic surveillance can serve as an early warning system for public health concerns

Syndromic Surveillance

- Contact your state health department for more information about data access

HOW WE CONDUCT SYNDROMIC SURVEILLANCE



Risk Factor Data

- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
 - The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is the nation's premier system of health-related telephone surveys that collect state data about U.S. residents regarding their health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, and use of preventive services.
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/brfss/index.html>
- The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)
 - Provides up-to-date information on tobacco, alcohol, and drug use, mental health, and other health-related issues in the U.S.
 - NSDUH began in 1971 and is conducted every year in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. This year, almost 70,000 people will be interviewed for this important study.
 - Query data online: <https://pdas.samhsa.gov/#/survey/NSDUH-2020-DS0001>
- Both include Veteran status variables

Thank you!

Deborah M. Stone, ScD, MSW, MPH

Lead Behavioral Scientist

Suicide Prevention Team

Division of Injury Prevention

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Email: zaf9@cdc.gov

**Veterans
Crisis Line**



1-800-273-8255
PRESS 1

**NATIONAL
SUICIDE
PREVENTION
LIFELINE**
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

CDC Resource List

- Preventing Suicide: A Technical Package of Policy, Programs, and Practices: <https://www.cdc.gov/suicide/prevention/index.html>
- Risk and protective factors: <https://www.cdc.gov/suicide/factors/index.html>
- Data sources: <https://www.cdc.gov/suicide/resources/data-sources.html>
- Disparities in suicide: <https://www.cdc.gov/suicide/facts/disparities-in-suicide.html>
- CDC suicide prevention funded programs: <https://www.cdc.gov/suicide/programs/index.html>
- Transforming Communities: <https://theactionalliance.org/sites/default/files/transformingcommunitiespaper.pdf>
- Healthy People 2030: <https://health.gov/healthypeople>
- 2012 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention: <https://www.hhs.gov/surgeongeneral/reports-and-publications/suicide-prevention/index.html>
- National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention community-based prevention priority: <https://theactionalliance.org/sites/default/files/agenda.pdf>
- Health and Human Services Strategic Plan FY 2018-2022: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/strategic-plan/index.html>
- National Violent Death Reporting System grant program (CDC-RFA-CE09-904): <https://www.federalgrants.com/Development-of-the-National-Violent-Death-Reporting-System-NVDRS-CDC-RFA-CE09-904-42161.html>

CDC Resource List (cont'd)

- Emergency Department Surveillance of Nonfatal Suicide-Related Outcomes (CE19-1906): <https://www.federalgrants.com/Emergency-Department-Surveillance-of-Nonfatal-Suicide-Related-Outcomes-ED-SNSRO-76556.html>
- National Violent Death Reporting System funded states: <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/datasources/nvdrs/index.html>
- Emergency Department Surveillance of Nonfatal Suicide-Related Outcomes funded states: <https://www.cdc.gov/nssp/news.html>
- Overdoses Data to Action recipients: <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/od2a/index.html>
- Introduction to Program Evaluation for Public Health Programs: A Self-Study Guide: <https://www.cdc.gov/evaluation/guide>
- CDC EvaluAction: <http://vetoviolence.cdc.gov/apps/evaluation>
- CDC Framework for Program Evaluation in Public Health: www.cdc.gov/eval
- CDC Program Performance and Evaluation Office List of Program Evaluation Resources: <http://www.cdc.gov/eval/resources/>
- Practical Strategies for Culturally Competent Evaluation: Evaluation Guide: https://www.cdc.gov/asthma/program_eval/cultural_competence_guide.pdf

Eligibility

Eligible Entities

SSG Fox SPGP will provide resources to eligible entities serving eligible individuals across the country.

Organizations

- Eligible entities generally include:
 - Incorporated, non-profit private institutions or foundations with a governing board
 - A corporation wholly owned or controlled by a non-profit organization with a governing board
 - Indian tribes
 - Community-based organizations that can effectively network with local civic organizations, regional health systems, and other settings where eligible individuals and their families are likely to have contact
 - State or local governments
- Eligible entities can apply for grants worth up to \$750,000 per year and may apply to renew awards from year to year throughout the length of the program.

Eligible Individuals

SSG Fox SPGP will provide resources to eligible entities serving eligible individuals across the country.

Eligible Individuals

- Eligible individuals to receive services as part of the SSG Fox SPGP include persons at risk for suicide who are:
 - Veterans under title 38
 - Former service members who were discharged from the armed forces under conditions that were not honorable but also not dishonorable or by court martial
 - Certain Veterans and members of the armed forces eligible for Readjustment Counseling Services from VA

Note: Family members of eligible individuals will also be able to receive certain services.

Participant Eligibility for SSG Fox SPGP

Risk of suicide is defined as exposure to, or the existence of, any of the following factors, to any degree, that increase the risk of suicidal ideation and/or behaviors:

1. Health Risk Factors

Mental health challenges, substance use, serious or chronic health conditions or pain, and traumatic brain injury

2. Environmental Risk Factors

Prolonged stress, stressful life events, unemployment, homelessness, recent loss, and legal or financial challenges

3. Historical Risk Factors

Previous suicide attempts, family history of suicide, and history of abuse, neglect, or trauma

Grant Authorized Suicide Prevention Services

Grant Authorized Suicide Prevention Services

- Outreach to eligible individuals, with an emphasis on those who are at highest risk for suicide or who are not receiving health care or other services furnished by VA
- Baseline mental health screening for risk (Required for all grantees)
- Education on suicide risk and prevention to families and communities
- Clinical services for emergency treatment
- Case management services
- Peer support services
- Assistance in obtaining VA benefits for which the person and their family may be eligible
- Assistance in obtaining and coordinating of other benefits provided by the federal government, a state or local government, or an eligible entity

Grant Authorized Suicide Prevention Services (cont'd)

- Assistance with obtaining services relating to emergent needs, such as health care services, daily living services, personal financial planning, and counseling (transportation services, temporary income support services, fiduciary and representative payee services, childcare, and certain legal services)
- Nontraditional and innovative approaches and treatment practices as determined appropriate by VA, in consultation with appropriate entities
- Other suicide prevention financial assistance (e.g., payments to a third party not to exceed \$750 per participant in any one-year period for expenses related to gaining or keeping employment or lethal means safety and secure storage, etc.)
- Other suicide prevention services as set forth in the NOFO or approved by VA (demonstrate evidence-informed interventions for improving mental health status and well-being and reducing the suicide risk of eligible individuals and their families)

VA Priority Areas

VA may prioritize the distribution of suicide prevention services grants to:

- Rural communities
- Tribal lands
- Territories of the United States
- Medically underserved areas
- Areas with a high number or percentage of minority Veterans or women Veterans
- Areas with a high number or percentage of calls to the Veterans Crisis Line

Review of Application Requirements

Application Section A – Maximum 30 Points

Background, Qualifications, Experience, and Past Performance of Applicant and Any Identified Community Partners

- General overview of the applicant's mission and organizational history
- Applicant's organizational experience in administering programs similar in size and scope
- Staff qualifications
- Organizational qualifications and past performance, including experience with Veterans services

Application Section B – Maximum 30 Points

Program Concept and Suicide Prevention Services Plan

- Need for program
- Outreach and screening plan
- Program concept
- Program implementation timeline
- Coordination with VA
- Ability to meet VA's requirements, goals, and objectives for SSG Fox SPGP
- Capacity to undertake program

Application Section B (cont'd) – Maximum 30 Points

Non-Traditional Services and Innovative Services and Other Suicide Prevention Services

- Provide a clear description of the services
- Summarize and cite the literature supporting the evidence for effectiveness
- State the goal of the intended services with an indication of how those goals can be measured
- Describe the plan to measure the proposed outcomes and evaluate the effectiveness of the services provided
- Include in the proposed evaluation methodology whether the grantee is already providing the services. If the grantee is already providing services, any existing data should be included in the application to demonstrate the effectiveness. Existing data can include outcomes, participant exit interviews, participant self-report, and participant satisfaction surveys.

Application Section C – Maximum 15 Points

Quality Assurance & Evaluation Plan

- Demonstrate clear, realistic, and measurable goals of SSG Fox SPGP's aim of reducing and preventing suicide among Veterans
- Demonstrate a clear plan to regularly monitor the quality of the suicide prevention services provided to participants
- Describe the process by which the applicant will remediate non-compliant aspects of the program, if and when they are identified
- Demonstrate that program management team has the capability and system established to provide timely and accurate reports to VA at the set frequency

Application Section D – Maximum 15 Points

Financial Capability Plan

- Describe financial controls in place to ensure that program funds are used appropriately
- Specify all sources of funds to be used to operate the proposed program
- Verify program is cost-effective and can be effectively implemented

Application Section E – Maximum 10 Points

Area Linkages and Relations

- Provide evidence of established linkages with the federal government, state, local, or tribal governmental agencies, or private entities to provide additional services to participants
- Demonstrate successful past working relationships with public and/or private institutions providing services to Veterans and/or individuals at risk of suicide
- Establish that applicant has knowledge of and presence in the area or community in which the proposed program will be operated
- Describe how linkages to the local area or community are expected to enhance the effectiveness of the proposed program

Application Section F

Applicant Certifications and Assurances

- Compliance
- Accuracy of application information
- Non-delinquency
- Debarment
- Reports and record retention
- Fiscal control
- Civil rights
- Lobbying

Application Section G

Reference for Citation

- All literature that has been cited needs to be listed as a reference here and correspond via a numbering system for identifying the location within the document of the in-text citation.

Application Section G: Exhibits I-V (Attachments)

Applicant must be registered on SAM.gov prior to creating application to obtain a Unique Entity ID (UEI) number. Instructions on how to register your organization and obtain a UEI number are available on SAM.gov.

- I. Applicant Organizational Chart
- II. Key Personnel Resumes and Hiring Criteria for Proposed Staff
- III. Program Budget (complete attached Microsoft Excel Applicant Budget Template)
- IV. Documentation that demonstrates your organization is one of the required eligible entities. (I.E. Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, 501c3, etc.)
- V. Optional: Letters of coordination from area suicide prevention initiatives where services are proposed, relevant Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) demonstrating area linkages and/or Partnership Agreements.

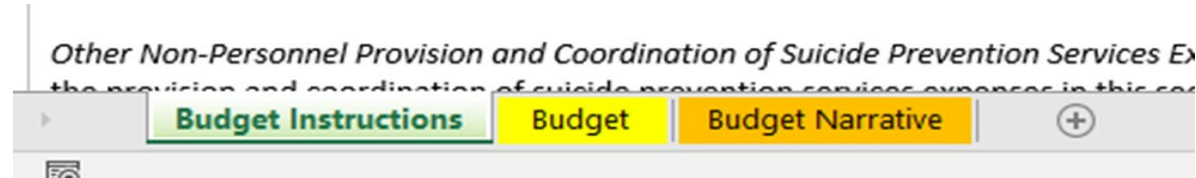
Fiscal/Budgeting

Allocation of Funds

- VA expects to announce grant awards in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2022.
- Applicants can request a maximum of \$750,000.
- VA reserves the right in any year to make adjustments (e.g., to funding levels) as needed within the intent of the NOFO based on a variety of factors, including the availability of funding.
- Access to funding will be facilitated through an account within the Department of Health and Human Services' Payment Management System.
- All awarded organizations will need to have active SAM.gov accounts and complete the vendorization process (if not already completed) for VA's financial system.
 - Instructions on setting up an active SAM.gov registration can be found on the SAM.gov website.
 - Further instruction will be provided on the "vendorization" process at a later date.

SSG Fox SPGP Budget Workbook

- Multiple tabs
 - Budget Instructions
 - Budget
 - Budget Narrative
- Budget
 - Conditional formatting and linked cells



VA's STAFF SERGEANT FOX SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM (SPGP)								
Applicant Budget - SSG Fox SPGP Program								
**NOTE: Enter information into yellow cells only. All other cells are protected and should not be modified. Please submit original template provided by the SSG Fox SPGP Program Office; DO NOT copy and paste this spreadsheet into a new Excel workbook.								
Name of Organization								
Total Grant Funds Awarded		\$0.00						
Program Expenses			% of Total Grant	Grant Funds Total Amount	Grant Funds Quarter 1	Grant Funds Quarter 2	Grant Funds Quarter 3	Grant Funds Quarter 4
I. Provision and Coordination of Suicide Prevention Services								
1. Personnel/Labor								
Title and Organization	# FTE	% FTE	Base Annual Salary/Wage					
			#DIV/0!	\$ -				
			#DIV/0!	\$ -				
			#DIV/0!	\$ -				
			#DIV/0!	\$ -				
			#DIV/0!	\$ -				
			#DIV/0!	\$ -				
			#DIV/0!	\$ -				

SSG Fox SPGP Budget Workbook (cont'd)

Budget Narrative

- Must provide budget narrative within the VA-provided Excel template in the Budget Narrative tab
- Enter detailed narrative explanations for all line items listed on the budget tab
- Justifications are required for all line items, including administrative direct and indirect costs

VA's STAFF SERGEANT FOX SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM (SPGP)						
SSG Fox SPGP Annual budget						
Proposed Funding Information:						
Name of Organization:						
Total Grant Funds Requested:		\$0.00				
Program Expenses				% of Total Grant	Grant Funds Total Amount	Detailed Narrative Justification
I. Provision and Coordination of Suicide Prevention Services						
1. Personnel/Labor						
Title and Organization	# FTE	% FTE	Base Annual Salary/Wage			
0	0	0%	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	
0	0	0%	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	
0	0	0%	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	

SSG Fox SPGP Budget Workbook (cont'd)

General guidance

- Only enter data into the yellow cells
 - All other cells are locked
- Include your organization name at the top of the budget worksheet
 - Leave grant ID cell empty
- **Do not attempt to unlock or modify this workbook**
- **Download this file from UDPaaS system or from:** <https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/ssgfox-grants/index.asp>

Application Submission

Application Submission Requirements

- IMPORTANT: Prior to submitting an application, applicants must register on sam.gov to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
 - Instructions on how to register your organization and obtain UEI number available on sam.gov
- Application is submitted on time and is complete
- All application materials are submitted as a complete package in UDPaaS
- Applicant is one of the following:
 - An incorporated private institution or foundation
 - A corporation wholly owned or controlled by a non-profit organization with a governing board
 - An Indian tribe that is defined as a federally or state-recognized tribe
 - A community-based organization that can effectively network with local civic organizations, regional health systems, and other settings where eligible individuals and their families are likely to have contact; or (5) a state or local government
- Proposed activities are eligible for funding
- Proposed participants are eligible to receive suicide prevention services
- Applicant does not have an outstanding obligation to the federal government that is in arrears and does not have an overdue or unsatisfactory response to an audit
- Applicant is not in default by failing to meet the requirements for any previous federal assistance

Application Materials

- Apply using the online application tool available at: [UDPaaS - VHA](#)
- Applicants will need to create a login.
- Draft versions of the application can be saved. NOTE: Return to drafts via the account login in order to avoid starting a new blank form.

VHA GRANTS

Login

Email

Password

Log In

[Forgot Password?](#)

New to the System?

Register

Welcome to VHA Grant Programs Portal

Welcome to the Department of Veterans Affairs grants management portal for VHA's Homeless and Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Grant Programs. This portal supports a variety of grant functions associated with the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF), Grant and Per Diem (GPD), and SSG Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Programs (SSG Fox SPGP) Programs.

For technical questions or issues, please contact SSVF@va.gov, GPDgrants@va.gov or VASSGFoxGrants@va.gov for further assistance.

UDPaaS Registration

VHA GRANTS

Registration Options

To register your Organization, please select:

1. **Charitable Organization** registration if you are a nonprofit registered with the IRS.
2. **Eligible Entities that are Not Charitable Organizations** registration if you are:
 - City/township government
 - County government
 - State government
 - Tribal organization
 - Public/Indian housing authority
 - Consumer Cooperative
 - Any other eligible entity

Charitable Organizations

Eligible Entities that are Not Charitable Organizations

UDPaaS: Executive Summary

VHA GRANTS



New OMHSP

INSTRUCTIONS

OVERVIEW

APPLICATION

Executive Summary

Applicant's Legal Name (as identified in your Articles of Incorporation):

Other Names under Which Applicant Does Business:

Employer Identification Number (EIN) that Corresponds to the Applicant's IRS Ruling Certifying Tax- Exempt Status under the IRS Code of 1986
(Note: EIN will be used to determine whether applicant is delinquent or in default on any Federal debt, in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3701, et seq. and 5 U.S.C. 552a at note):

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):

Business Address:

, @company.state@

Mailing Address (if different from above) - include both U.S. mailing address and courier (i.e., no P.O. Box) address:

Contact Person Name:

Test Applicant

Contact Title:

Director

Mailing Address for Contact Person (if different from above):

33716-1111

UDPaaS: Overview



OVERVIEW

APPLICATION

1135 words left

Suicide Prevention Funds Requested

Amount of suicide prevention services grant funds requested under this NOFO. (maximum \$750,000 per year).

Projected Eligible Individuals to be served

Number of Unique Eligible Individuals Estimated to be Served, per year.

Average Cost Per Eligible Individual

Average total suicide prevention services grant amount request per Eligible Individual. This amount should equal total grant amount divided by number of Eligible Individuals served.

Geographical Area Served

Select all that apply.

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AK | <input type="checkbox"/> FL | <input type="checkbox"/> LA | <input type="checkbox"/> NC | <input type="checkbox"/> OR | <input type="checkbox"/> VI |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AL | <input type="checkbox"/> GA | <input type="checkbox"/> MA | <input type="checkbox"/> ND | <input type="checkbox"/> PA | <input type="checkbox"/> VT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AR | <input type="checkbox"/> GU | <input type="checkbox"/> MD | <input type="checkbox"/> NE | <input type="checkbox"/> PR | <input type="checkbox"/> WA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AS | <input type="checkbox"/> HI | <input type="checkbox"/> ME | <input type="checkbox"/> NH | <input type="checkbox"/> RI | <input type="checkbox"/> WI |

Save Draft

Submit

UDPaaS: Application

Please cite all references in text and reference page in Section G, using a numbering format.

▼ Section A

Background, Qualifications, Experience, & Past Performance of Applicant and Any Identified Community Partners (30 maximum points)

In scoring the application, VA will award up to 30 points based on the applicant's responses to questions in this section

Background and Organizational History

a) Provide a general overview of the applicant's mission and organizational history, including:

- (i) Number of years in operation;
- (ii) Total number of employees;
- (iii) A description of services provided (past and present);
- (iv) geographic areas in which those services are provided;
- (v) Types of programs operated (past and present), and
- (vi) Organizational competencies and/or areas of expertise.

1500 words left

b) Describe the applicant's (and any identified community partners', if applicable):

- (i) Organizational experience in administering programs similar, in size and scope, to the proposed program and history of complying with agreements and not defaulting on financial obligations.
- (ii) Include organizational structures with clear lines of reporting and defined responsibilities (this may be submitted through Exhibit I)

◀ BACK

Save Draft

Submit

☰	JUMP TO	←
	Section A	
	Section B	
	Section C	
	Section D	
	Section E	
	Section F	
	Section G	
	Signature	

UDPaaS- Application Section B Proposed Services Table

Proposed Program And Services

i Identify in the table below which of the following suicide prevention services the applicant will either provide directly (using SSG Fox SPGP funds) and/or assist participants in obtaining through referrals to other organizations. Click on the plus sign to add each suicide prevention service individually. Please ensure to include ALL of the proposed services the applicant plans to provide and a description of each. Baseline Mental Health screening is required to be provided by all applicants.

See **38 CFR 78.45 to 78.90** for definitions of **Type of Benefit and Services**.

Type of Benefit/Service	Applicant will provide benefit directly	Applicant will assist participants in obtaining benefit through referrals to other organizations	Description
Baseline Mental Health Screening	Yes	No	SSS
Other: Suicide Prevention Funds	Yes	No	Lethal means safety
<div>+</div>			

UDPaaS: Draft Version

New OMHSP

INSTRUCTIONS OVERVIEW **APPLICATION**

Describe the applicant plan for obtaining all funding required to operate the program for the time period of the suicide prevention services grant, and whether the applicant's program is cost effective and can be effectively implemented on budget.

1500 words left

▼ Section E

Area Linkages and Relations

In scoring the application, VA will award up to 10 points based on the applicant's responses to questions contained in this section.

Area Linkages

* Evidence of Established Linkages

a) Provide evidence of established linkages (e.g., MOUs or letters of support) with the Federal government (including VA), State, local or tribal governmental agencies, or private entities for the purposes of providing additional services to participants. You may also include a plan to establish such linkages for the purposes of providing additional services to participants.

1500 words left

* b) Provide evidence of the applicant's, and any identified community partners', current and/or planned coordination and outreach with State and/or County (parish) Veterans' affairs departments/agencies.

◀ BACK



Save Draft

Continue

Submit

UDPaaS: Application Preview


VHA GRANTS




Actions ▾

NY-SSG-23-22

Type: Initial SSG Fox SPGP

Organization Legal Name: SSG Fox SPGP Testing, Inc 

Status: Draft

Primary Contact: Test Applicant 

Program Name: Office of Mental Health and Suicide Preventions

**Application Submission
Deadline:** 04/15/2022 00:00

Application Summary:

Preview



UDPaaS: Submitted Application

▼ Signature

By submitting this application, the applicant certifies that the facts stated and the certifications and representations made in this application are true, to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief after due inquiry, and that the applicant has not omitted any material facts. The undersigned is an authorized representative of the applicant.

Applicant Name:
SSG Fox SPGP Testing, Inc

Name and Title:
Test Applicant
Director

Signature

Applicant Signature

◀ BACK

Save Draft

Submit

Delete



Application Submission Tips

- Register organization on sam.gov and obtain UEI
- Answer application questions and use data
- Save frequently- there is a system 15 minute session inactivity time out
- Answer questions fully noting 1500 word limit per text box
 - Responses over 1500 words will be flagged by UDPaaS system and submission will be prohibited
- Describe program's impact on suicide prevention
- Remember to add ALL applicant proposed suicide prevention services (Section B Table)

Application Submission Tips (cont'd)

- **Please allow ample time for application submissions and any technology challenges.**
- Prepare any required attachments prior to submission:
 - Budget template
 - Organizational chart
 - Key personnel resumes and hiring criteria for proposed staff
 - Eligible entity type verification documentation
 - Letters of coordination, MOU's (optional)
- The estimated burden to complete the application is 35 hours. Applicants are strongly encouraged to begin the process well in advance of **June 10, 2022.**
- VA cannot make exceptions for late submissions.
- The online form automatically closes at 11:59 p.m. on **June 10, 2022,** Eastern Time.

Application Review Criteria

Application Review

- Materials submitted after the deadline will not be reviewed.
- Applicant must meet the following requirements to be considered for SSG Fox SPGP funding:
 - Receive at least 60 cumulative points and receive at least one point under each of the categories
 - Demonstrate the ability to provide or coordinate suicide prevention services
- VA funding is highly competitive. A qualifying score does not guarantee funding.
- To extent possible VA will ensure grants are distributed to provide services in as many geographic areas as possible
- VA may prioritize the distribution of suicide prevention services grants to:
 - Rural communities
 - Tribal lands
 - Territories of the United States
 - Medically underserved areas
 - Areas with a high number or percentage of minority Veterans or women Veterans
 - Areas with a high number or percentage of calls to the Veterans Crisis Line

Veteran Data Resources

- Veteran Suicide Data and Reporting:
https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/mentalhealth/suicide_prevention/data.asp
- Veterans Strategic Analysis & Research Tool (V-START):
[V-START - Institute for Veterans and Military Families \(syracuse.edu\)](https://vstart.syr.edu/)

For more information about the SSG Fox SPGP,
visit www.mentalhealth.va.gov/SSGFox-Grants
or contact VASSGFoxGrants@va.gov.